

RESOLUTION 75-2011

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF MALABAR, BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, OPPOSING PROVISIONS OF SB550 PERTAINING TO SEPTIC TANK INSPECTION METHODS; OPPOSING THE CREATION OF REGIONAL MANAGEMENT ENTITIES TO HAVE INSPECTION POWERS OVER EXISTING RESIDENTIAL SEPTIC SYSTEMS; OPPOSING THE TIME LINE AND FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE SEPTIC INSPECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR A REQUEST TO THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO REWORK SB550 TO MAKE IT MORE TRANSPARENT AND EQUITABLE FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES ON SEPTIC SYSTEMS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Legislature approved SB550 to improve the water quality of Florida waters by establishing new regulations, modifying other regulations and creating new agencies to manage the new requirements; and

WHEREAS, the widely diverse causes of the water quality issues cannot be properly addressed in one bill; and

WHEREAS, suggesting that existing residential septic systems are creating a water quality degradation that requires new regulations, including inspections to new stricter standards is an unfair burden on citizens in rural communities; and

WHEREAS, although the Malabar Council applauds the Legislature's efforts to improve the overall water quality in the springs and intercoastal waterways by strengthening regulations on stormwater intrusion and encouraging water conservation in the building regulations, the Council believes this expansion of regulations governing residential septic inspections does not serve the best interests of Florida residents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN OF MALABAR OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA that;

SECTION 1. The Malabar Town Council opposes the section of SB550 that would require inspections of residential septic systems when there has been no documentation that such systems are a contributor to the "pollution" to water bodies in Florida causing imbalances in the ecosystem. and urges the Legislature to reconsider this requirement.

SECTION 2. The Malabar Town Council encourages the Legislature to continue to provide assistance to rural communities that still rely predominantly on well and septic systems for their water and wastewater needs.

SECTION 3. The Malabar Town Council requests the Legislature to reconsider the requirements for septic inspections until there is evidence to support the diminished water quality.

SECTION 4. The Malabar Town Council directs the Town Clerk to send copies of this resolution to the Florida Legislature and municipalities within Brevard County.

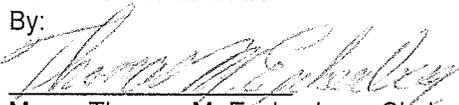
This Resolution was moved for adoption by Council Member Rivet. The motion was seconded by Council Member Acquaviva and, upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Council Member Carl Beatty	AYE
Council Member David White	AYE
Council Member Steven (Steve) Rivet	AYE
Council Member Jeffrey (Jeff) McKnight	AYE
Council Member Marisa Acquaviva	AYE

This Resolution was then declared to be duly passed and adopted this 3rd day of January 2011.

TOWN OF MALABAR

By:


Mayor Thomas M. Eschenberg, Chair

ATTEST:

Debby K. Franklin
Debby K. Franklin, CMC
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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